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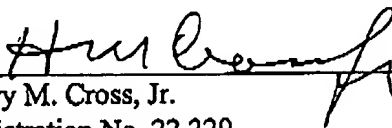
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DECLARATION OF HARRY M. CROSS, JR.

1. I, Harry M. Cross, Jr., am Corporate Counsel of Semitool, Inc. located in Kalispell, Montana.
2. In March 2002, Mr. Robert B. Polit, the attorney of record, sent Semitool, Inc. a copy of the Notice of Abandonment dated March 13, 2002.
3. Semitool, Inc. did not intend to abandon this application, and the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional.

4. I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that all the statements were made with the knowledge that making willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

This declaration is executed on the 4th day of June, 2002.



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